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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



## News

Open Mic Night returns to the 7th Street Underground Tuesday.  
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## Sports

Head tennis coach Michael Hunt announces departure from Eastern’s program.  
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## Sports

The Panther baseball team hosts UIC at 3 p.m. today at Monier Field.  
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Sara Figiel / Photo editor

## Caught in the rain

Umbrellas and mad dashes were common on Eastern’s campus as sudden rain showers caught people off-guard all day Monday. Here, an Eastern faculty member is pictured on the run in front of Old Main during one of the many brief downpours while an Eastern student stands on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Sixth Street with her umbrella in hand waiting to cross the street.

Students can expect warm weather throughout the week with temperatures possibly reaching 80 degrees by the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Upper 60s are the highs until Thursday with low temperatures in the 50s. Thursday through Sunday, high temperatures are predicted to be mid to high 70s and lows in the 50s.

The National Weather Service also predicted partly sunny and dry days throughout the week with clouds at night each day.

Dalias Price, local weather observer, said he expects 60s to 70s for most of the week with possibly a little bit of rain.

The current weather is typical of weather in this area during this time of year, Price said.

# RA resigns after residence hall taping incident

## Paton cites lack of action by Office of Housing and Dining as reason for leaving his position in Stevenson

By Michelle Jones  
News editor

A resident assistant has resigned from his position because he believes the Office of Housing and Dining Services has not dealt with the issue of a resident assistant in Taylor Hall videotaping residents on his floor.

James Paton, a RA in Stevenson Hall, said he was really upset when he first heard the story of the Taylor RA setting up a video camera to record, through a peephole in his residence hall room, someone tearing signs off the bathroom door across the hallway.

“Housing has not addressed the issue at all, and by them not addressing the issue, they’re tacitly condoning the behavior,” Paton said. “By not doing anything, they’re saying it’s OK.”

Housing wants to create a big family with everybody, Paton said, but not taking action with the incident goes against creating that family atmosphere. Jody Stone, assistant director of housing, said housing has addressed the situation, but he could not say what housing has done or

when they did it because it was a personnel matter.

“We’ve addressed the situation and dealt with it appropriately,” Stone said. Paton said he wrote a letter to the office asking for action to be taken and for housing to address the issue.

He set a date of one week to hear back from housing, but said he never heard anything from anyone at housing and no action was taken.

“I was really disturbed by that,” Paton said.

Stone said the housing staff did receive the letter and responded to Paton Thursday, the day Paton requested a response.

“We responded to his letter and told him it was a personnel matter,” Stone said.

He said the office appreciated Paton’s concerns, but couldn’t discuss the issue. In the letter, Paton did not threaten to resign if nothing was done because he did not want the letter viewed as a threat; however, after he heard nothing from housing, he turned in his resignation and moved out.

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## Housing and dining candidate aims to work on integrating academics into residence halls

By Patrick Guinane  
Administration editor

If given the position of director of housing and dining, candidate Bill Smith said in his interview Monday he would create a positive environment that integrated academics into residence halls.



Bill Smith

“What I’m doing now doesn’t allow me to interact with students, which is something I enjoy,” Smith, the associate dean of students and the director of development at Indiana University, said. Smith said information is the key to implementing successful programs.

“I’m a firm believer in giving people as much information as possible.”

Smith said data shows students who get involved in extra curricular activities are more persistent toward graduation and have better chances for success after college.

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# Weekend raid produces 19 arrests for underage drinking

By Jeremy Pelzer  
City editor

Nineteen Eastern students were arrested on underage drinking charges following weekend raids of three area bars by Charleston police.

The arrests came after police conducted alcohol compliance checks at Jerry’s Pizza & Pub, Stu’s and Ike’s Friday, said Lieutenant Roger Cunningham of the Charleston Police Department.

Charleston bars randomly undergo alcohol compliance checks to make sure they do not serve alcohol to minors, Cunningham said.

All 19 arrested were charged with an alcohol-related crime and were between 18 and 20 years old, a police report stated.

Tracy Cerny, 20; Megan Root, 19; Eileen Mitrenga, 19; Bethany Keller, 20; Brigid O’Brien, 18; Kathleen O’Brien, 20; Rachel Lowery, 18; Quinn Headington, 19; Gabriel Cruz, 19; Christopher Cruz, 19;

Nicole Schneider, 19; John Millner, 18; Mark Magnussew, 19; and Heather Feik, 19, were charged with accepting/purchasing alcohol as a minor, the police report stated.

Except for Cerny, all of the above, as well as Meghan Mead, 20; Margaret Marchese, 20; Denise Peters, 18; and Katie McMullen, 19, were charged with frequenting a bar as a minor, the police report stated.

Mitrenga, Keller, Lowery, Headington and both O’Briens were charged with misrepresentation of age, the police report stated.

Millner and Magnussew were charged with false identification, the police report stated.

Paul Imbordino, 18, faces charges of minor consumption and obstructing a police officer, a police report stated.

A court date for all 19 has been set for May 11, Charleston police said.

Paul Mejdrich, owner of Stu’s, said although the city usually conducts several alcohol compliance checks on his bar each

year, this is the first such check this year.

Mejdrich said the students arrested at Stu’s claimed to be let in without having to show identification. In response, Mejdrich said he would compare police photos of those arrested to security camera footage of his bar’s entrance to see if those claims were valid.

Until then, Stu’s will continue to check identification, he said.

Mejdrich could face a fine for the arrest, although the city has not yet served a summons against Stu’s for the arrests, he said.

Larry Keck, owner of Jerry’s Pizza & Pub, said alcohol compliance checks are not uncommon and are effective in deterring underage drinking.

Keck said Jerry’s will not do anything in response to having underage drinkers arrested at his business.

“I think we run a pretty tight ship already,” he said.

Mark Stoltz, owner of Ike’s, refused comment Monday.



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Alum, author to give presentation

By Kelly Manning  
Staff writer

Students can fail the Writing Competency Exam and still earn success; Eastern alumni and author, Jim Harris, is evidence of that.

Harris, a 1986 graduate, will visit campus today to speak to students about his career and the opportunities that are open to students in the job world.

He will hold a presentation titled “How I Failed the Writing Competency Exam, Published My Novel and Found Happiness as a Web Page Designer” at 7 p.m. in Coleman Hall Room 311.

Harris will talk about his experiences after graduating from Eastern and will discuss career options for liberal arts majors.

“Students in every major want to know what they can do with it and the possibilities out there,” said John Kilgore, English professor.

“He is one of the best writers I have ever had.

John Kilgore,  
English professor

” Ray Watkins, English professor, believes it would be beneficial for students to attend the presentation, so they can be reassured that “you can go to college and study the liberal arts and do anything you want.”

Harris graduated with a bachelors degree in English and a creative writing minor and was in Kilgore’s advanced fiction writing class about 15 years ago.

“He is one of the best writers I have ever had,” Kilgore said.

Harris began publishing his works before he was Kilgore’s student. “(He was one of) the very few, if not the only, published

writer in the class,” Kilgore said.

Harris began writing his recently published novel, *Nowhere Near the Sea of Cortez*, which is based on his own experiences growing up in a small town, as an undergraduate, Kilgore said. Harris also has written a series of short stories that have been published in literary magazines in the past, Kilgore said.

Currently, Harris works as a professional Web site designer in O’Fallon, Mo., and he is busy writing his new novel, *Bottle of Rain*. He also teaches English classes occasionally at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Kilgore said.

The presentation, which is open to students, faculty and the public, is part of the English department’s Placement Talks series. For more information, call Kilgore at 581-6313.

Harris also will attend English classes to discuss publications and professional writing with the students.



Sara Figiel / Photo editor

Study camp

With two cups of coffee at his side, Mike Leshoure, a graduate student studying to get his teachers certification in social science, set up a study camp Monday night in Jitters and Bliss on Lincoln Avenue. Leshoure concentrates on typing his history paper on his laptop, with economics next on his list to study.

What’s on  
tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What’s on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to majones@eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Bizarre Bazaar to be held this weekend as part of Celebration

By Michelle Jones  
News editor

The Library Quad will transform itself into an arena for garage sale and flea market action this weekend, allowing students to make some much-needed money or find a few good bargains.

The Bizarre Bazaar will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. Friday in the Library Quad in conjunction

with Celebration: A Festival of the Arts, an annual spring event on campus.

The event is a way for students to get rid of items they no longer want and to make money off them, said Dan Crews, director of publicity. Other students may not have items to sell, but they might be interested in purchasing something new, he said.

“It’s a way to get kids to come

out to be part of the festival,” Crews said.

No registration process is necessary for students to sell their old belongings, Crews said. Those interested just have to set up a blanket on the quad any time during the designated time, he said.

Items that can be sold include CDs, videos, art and crafts, a press release said. No food or beverages can be sold.

While students are making deals, buying and selling, they also can listen to the music that is part of Celebration, Crews said.

Some of the music that will play includes performances by the EIU Jazz Lab Band, the Last Resorts, 4 Banger and Duke Tumatoe and the Power Trio, a press release said.

Admission to the festival is free.

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Today

5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and a Language, Spanish, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.  
7 p.m., Jim Harris Talks on publication and writing as a profession, Coleman Hall Room 311.  
8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Campus Perk Open Mic Night, 7th Street Underground, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Wednesday

5 to 6:30 p.m., Dinner and a Language, German, Pemberton Hall Dining Room.  
9:30 p.m. to midnight, Hello Dali final show of year, \$1 admission, 7th Street Underground, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Thursday

No events scheduled.



# Public may be privy to judicial affairs cases

By **Jeremy Pelzer**  
Staff editor

The Student Senate and the university have both come out in favor of releasing information about the results of judicial affairs proceedings against students charged with violent acts.

Until three years ago, federal law mandated that universities keep all their judicial records sealed. In 1998, that law was amended to allow the release of cases involving violent crimes.

However, Eastern still does not release any information regarding judicial affairs cases to the public, said Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs.

Hencken said the current policy was because of a lack of interest in the cases.

“The reason we haven’t (released information) is we never had anybody come and ask for it,” Hencken said.

Hencken said the university is in favor of

releasing information about violent acts except when there is an ongoing investigation into the case.

The Student Senate passed a resolution last week recommending for the judicial affairs committee to release the name, the charge and the result of students who undergo a university judicial hearing for crimes such as rape, murder, arson and robbery. Several student senate members agreed with the university and supported the release of information to the public.

Other senate members disagreed and said the inevitable publicity resulting from the release of information was both unnecessary and harmful to the accused.

“It’s a good idea, but it has many negative repercussions,” said senate member Nina Samii. “By publishing information on a sex offense (that you commit), it could put you at risk. It could make you a potential victim.”

“If you do commit a crime or a violent act, I do not think the entire campus should know what you’ve done,” said Art Davis, student vice president for academic affairs. “That is your own private information.”

Keith Kohanzo, director of judicial affairs, said while he was in favor of releasing the name, accusation and any punishment given to a student convicted of a violent crime, he saw some drawbacks to the proposed change in policy as well.

“It’s not quite as good of an idea as it seems on the surface,” Kohanzo said.

Kohanzo said only being allowed to release just these three facts about each case does not allow the public to understand the background of the case.

For example, he said, a student convicted of assault could go tell the campus how he did not receive a fair trial, and the judicial affairs committee would be prohibited by

“If you do commit a crime or a violent act, I do not think the entire campus should know what you’ve done.”

Art Davis,  
student vice president for academic affairs

## Rumored fine arts changes dissipated

By **Jessica Danielewicz**  
Campus editor

The recent rumor of changes to the plans for the fine arts building renovations are absolutely not true, said Jeff Lynch, associate dean of the college of arts and humanities.

“There is absolutely no substance to this rumor,” Lynch said.

The recent rumor concerned changes in plans that only would have theater classes in the new building and would not have the building extend across Seventh Street. A rumor about an emergency meeting, which supposedly took place on Friday, also circulated.

There was no emergency meeting on Friday, though the regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for this Friday, Lynch said.

“We have regularly scheduled monthly meetings with the architects,” Lynch said.

Right now, the committee still is in the planning stage. Currently, members are in the process of block and stack, which concerns “carving out the needs of each department,” Lynch said.

“We are not even close to the design,” Lynch said.

However, the building still will extended across the street as originally planned.

The final plans will be made sometime in the fall, Lynch said. They include renovating the current building and building a new addition, Lynch said.

Lynch did not know how people come up with such rumors. Often times, people hear something and do not check into the truth, he said.

## Faculty senate to make appointments to boards, choose next year’s officers

### Updates on candidate searches also on agenda

By **Joseph Ryan**  
Staff editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will make faculty appointments to various university boards and councils, and will elect new senate officers for next year.

“I believe this should be the last meeting of the year, but that is up to the senate members,” said Faculty Senate Chair James Tidwell, journalism professor.

The senate will hear a report from Gary Canivez, psychology professor, about positions that need to be filled by appointment on campus councils and boards for the 2001 to 2002 term.

The full list of vacancies is available on the senate’s Web site.

Senate members also will appoint a faculty member to the search committee for the WEIU-TV station manager position.

The senate also will elect new officers for the faculty senate positions of chair, vice chair and secretary. The senate will meet in the faculty lounge of Buzzard Hall at 2 p.m.

In other business, the senate will hear updates from the vice president for business affairs and vice president for academic affairs search committees.

The vice president for academic affairs search committee has had five candidates visit Eastern for interviews, and the committee has sent recommendations forward to Eastern President Carol Surles, who will make the final

“I believe this should be the last meeting of the year, but that is up to the senate members.”

James Tidwell,  
Faculty Senate chair

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## We must help ourselves

After last Tuesday's Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting at Faculty Senate, Eastern needs to realize that the university is moving ahead well.

If the governor's recommendation is approved by the General Assembly, Eastern will receive an 8.5 percent increase for fiscal year 2001. This increase includes the highest increase in the fiscal year 2001 state appropriations.

Included in the governor's budget recommendation is Eastern's \$40 million Fine Arts Center. This is a great investment for Eastern and we should accept it without complaints.

### Quit complaining

Eastern will receive an 8.5 percent increase if the governor's budget is approved by the General Assembly.

The complaining should be shifted from the budget to issues such as Eastern's enrollment problems in association with other universities in competition.

Eastern needs to start moving ahead and increase its competitive edge. While we are still in competition with other schools for enrollment, we are not in competition with schools taking away state public enrollments. The competition has risen with out-of-state universities offering classes for students at area colleges.

Currently Eastern does not offer classes for students at Lake Land Community College, but Franklin University in Ohio offers classes at Lake Land. Other universities are doing the same thing. Devry and the University of Phoenix have been offering such courses throughout the country.

Students taking these courses gain accreditation at the outside university and transfer there to finish their education. Eastern loses the chance for recruitment to these universities because students have already had a chance to begin gaining their credits toward graduation.

If other universities begin this same trend, then Eastern will begin to see even more of a drop in enrollment. It is important for Eastern to step-up and begin competing in a similar fashion. We cannot afford to lose students 15 miles down the road to universities in Ohio and Arizona.

Eastern has began offering courses on-line through the Illinois Virtual Campus. This is a great start in the right direction and more courses are on the way; however, it is important that Eastern starts pushing these courses even more, if we are going to compete at all with universities such as Phoenix.

Eastern must start thinking like these universities in order to keep the enrollment up.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Today's quote

“If someone tells you he is going to make ‘a realistic decision,’ you immediately understand that he has resolved to do something bad.”

Mary Therese McCarthy  
American writer, 1921-1989

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## Make sure to enjoy the game

I had a teacher one semester who compared college to a board game, like Life or Monopoly. I thought at the time it was a strange analogy, but the more I thought about it, the more it made sense.

You probably could make an entertaining board game out of a college career. The little spaces around the board could be filled with things like “overslept for a quiz, move back four spaces,” or “got an A on a paper, move up three spaces,” or “went out without a coat in January and got a cold, move back five spaces.”

If a college career at Eastern was made into a board game there's several stops you would have to make along the way to make the game complete.

Take a self-defense class. If you can't fit that into your schedule, attend at least one of the kickboxing classes at the Student Recreation Center. Make sure you realize it won't be quite the same in reality because you won't be beating up on the stuffed dummies like you do in self-defense class. Extra points if your friends make fun of the evasive sidestep for the rest of your college career even though it is an important skill every college graduate should possess.

Visit the Lincoln Log Cabin. Since I started at Eastern my mom has always wanted to go to the Lincoln Log Cabin site. I managed to avoid it until last month when my parents came to visit and my mom suggested we go since it was our last chance. We actually had a really good time. The site is interesting and the staff is incredibly friendly.

Live in an apartment off campus. This should be your typical college apartment with ugly furniture and lamps that look like they were stolen from the set of “The Brady Bunch.” Extra points if you can fill your kitchen with utensils that your mom pawned off on you and you have no idea what they could possibly be used for.

## An appeal to faith and intellectualism

Before I begin, I would like to dispel some myths that have arisen concerning Ryan Peterson's letter. These myths can clearly be seen in the several nonsensical letters that have since ensued. First, Ryan was simply challenging those who are foolish enough to blindly believe in something. He was in no way attacking those who believe in a god for intelligent reasons.

At this point I would like to address faith. I would like to point out that it is impossible for one to say that one has “no faith.” For example, the most highly regarded evolution scientists proclaim that evolution is 100 percent impossible...but over millions and billions of years, anything can happen. So to an evolutionist, time is their god. So one cannot attack merely a “faith” of another, but one must expressly show through reasoning right and wrong.

Another aspect of faith is that one cannot believe upon another's faith. Because Mr. Spinner has faith in God, or even because 90 percent of the world has this faith, this cannot appeal from Ryan. Faith comes from something we can form a basis upon. I have faith that a chair can hold me up. But this “faith in a chair” comes from experience. Faith in a chair can also come from reasoning. For if I have never sat upon a particular chair before, but can reason that it is made of steel, and can thusly hold my weight, then I can have faith in that chair.

There are several people, probably the majority, who believe in a god simply because that is how they were raised. These people truly have no understanding of what they believe in or why. Yet, I must state there are others who believe because they have sat upon that chair or they can discern that they can sit upon that chair. If anymore people are going to respond to Ryan's letter, I call upon those people and shame those who are merely retaliating in anger with no design. Until



Amy Thon  
regular columnist

“Look forward to the little things... like getting a new J. Crew catalog or a letter from your dad in the mail.”

the ATM in the bar by the end of the night.

Have good enough friends who will stop you from using the ATM inside Marty's.

Get your name in *The Daily Eastern News*. And no, the police blotter doesn't count. Write a letter to the editor, a guest column, try to stump the quiz kid or, if nothing else, have your friends print an awful picture of you for your birthday.

Be so anxious to see a new movie that is not playing Showplace 8 that you will drive all the way to the Savoy 16, even if it is a Sunday night and you have a paper to write.

Be able to at least tolerate country music. Two extra points if you have a country station preset on your car radio. Three points if you have purchased a country CD.

Look forward to the little things ... like getting a new J.Crew catalog or a letter from your dad in the mail.

Be a regular at the fine dining options of Charleston. Go to El Rancherito so often that they know you by name. And don't forget about Dairy Queen in the winter – after all, the ice cream doesn't melt and it's cheaper!

Actually learn something you'll never use again ... and like it.

In the end, your score doesn't really matter. As long as it adds up to 120 credit hours, your mission is complete.

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## Your turn

Letters to the editor

then, Baruch HaShem.

Japheth Dillman

Junior computer information services major

## A satire on the way Eastern is run

As I leave my diversity class in Coleperson Hall, I head on my way to Klehm Hall for my next diversity class. Having to get there via Old Main due to construction fences blocking the routes makes me wish the company would stop saying it needs more money to get the shuttle bus running.

Still, the \$100 per semester we pay is cheaper than the \$500 parking permits.

On my way I look longingly at the future location of the Food Court (promised completion next fall) and notice a professor pressing their personal panic pager as a trench-coated student passes by. A Eastern patrolperson pauses in ticketing the cars parked in the 10 student spots to rush over and fine the student for violating the professor's civil liberties by creating a threatening atmosphere in which to exist.

Thankfully, my third diversity class is also in Klehm Hall. The administration wisely decided that we, as students, are unable to successfully complete more classes than this and have limited the semester to nine hours. This gives me time to work to pay for my \$20,000 a semester tuition. Asking for student aid is possible but I am still filling out paperwork to receive it from last year.

I would also like to thank the Student Senate for informing my parents of the trouble I got into last month but I can't seem to find the only person filling a position with a landslide victory of one vote entered.

Roy A. Kubicek

Senior history major

## Answer for questions found in God

Sometimes it is good to look at deep ideas, like God, through people and daily life rather than just in theories and philosophy.

Why is Francis now the most beloved saint of the Middle Ages - this beggar for Christ, who gave up all his family wealth, wore the stigmata, loved all creation and put his whole faith in God?

Why was Abraham, whose descendants now number like the stars, willing to sacrifice his beloved only son, except for his radical faith in God?

Why did David commit murder, adultery, lies and self-deceit, then beg God's forgiveness, compose the psalms and end up the great hero-king of Israel?

Why did the teen slave Patrick (so celebrated these 16 centuries) once he became free, willingly go back to the Irish, only now as a slave to Christ, and them his whole life?

Why was Mother Theresa, putting God first in her radical, loving life, chosen by half of Americans as the greatest person of the 20th Century?

Why did Fr. Max Kolbe volunteer to give his life for a stranger to slowly starve to death for Christ in a Holocaust camp?

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# Students get chance to show off their talent

By Erika Larson  
Activities editor

Students will have an opportunity to show off their talents and enjoy the talents of their peers today at the Campus Perk open mic night. The event is tonight from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

All types of acts are welcome at the open mic night, sponsored by Sonor, an advertising, marketing and public relations student organization for social norm marketing, said Steve Baran, public relations and entertainment director of Sonor.

Many of the acts at open mic nights of the past were people playing acoustic guitars, Baran said. "We've also seen a guy play bongo drums and a girl who did what would be best classified as poetry," Baran said.

Robb Henry, a senior zoology

major, has attended open mic nights in the past and said he enjoyed the experience. "I got to see a guy play the ukulele," Henry said.

Baran said that Sonor's purpose in having the open mic night is to provide a substance-free alternative for students. "At least 50% of the campus is under 21," Baran said. "People need to have somewhere to go."

Everyone from the Eastern community is welcome to go, and there will be some giveaways, Baran said. "We've got coffee mugs, T-shirts and frisbees," Baran said. Refreshments will also be available. "Every week we've been offering a snack, coffee, pops and water," Baran said. "And it is absolutely all free."

Shane Reichart, a junior chemical engineering major, has both attended and participated in open mic nights in the past. Reichart said that because he is in a band,

“We’ve got coffee mugs, T-shirts, and frisbees ... And it is absolutely all free.”

Steve Baran,  
public relations and entertainment  
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“the open mic night was a good opportunity for him to play and sing his own songs himself. “I also got to play and sing songs that we don’t do as a band,” Reichart said.

Reichart also appreciated the chance to meet other people who were in the music scene. “It was cool in both aspects,” Reichart said, “both being on the stage and being a member of the audience.”



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Heather Steffen belts out a Janis Joplin tune at a past open mic night at Thomas Hall.

## Five future teachers to be presented with most prestigious academic award

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Campus editor

Eastern's most prestigious award for academic excellence will be presented to five individuals at spring commencement.

The Livingston C. Lord Scholarship was established by the Alumni Association in 1934 in honor of Eastern's first president.

"For nearly 70 years, the Alumni Association has presented these awards to the most promising of Eastern's future teachers,"

said Steve Rich, executive director of the Alumni Association.

This year's recipients of the Livingston C. Lord Scholarship are: Gina Jones, an elementary education major from Bolingbrook; Julie Mortimer, a biological sciences major from Orland Park; Karen Scheit, a biological sciences major from Rockdale; Debra Spence, an elementary education major from Effingham; and Jessica Carey Swigart, an English major from LeRoy, said Sarah Drury, assistant director of alumni services.

"This year's recipients have very bright futures ahead of them in the classroom and represent the exceptional teaching candidates graduating from the university every year," Rich said.

Scholarship recipients were first nominated by faculty members and department chairs, and then they filled out applications, Drury said.

A committee consisting of three alumni association board members and four alumni teachers representing the four academic colleges then made the selections during the

spring, Drury said.

"It's one of the largest scholarships that Eastern awards every year," she said. Each recipient will be presented with a medalion and a plaque as well as a monetary award of approximately \$6,000, Drury said.

Nominees are of junior status, with at least 30 credit hours obtained at Eastern and at least 24 credit hours left to obtain in fall 2001. They had to have a grade point average of 3.6 or above and plan to pursue a career in elementary or secondary teaching, Drury said.



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Resigns

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He said he has no animosity toward his boss, Carl Aldrich, the resident director at Stevenson. Paton said he tried to make the transition as easy as possible by tying up loose ends: he changed the bulletin boards and has no more duty nights left for the semester.

“Unfortunately, there is some work the (other) RAs will have to pick up,” Paton said.

Aldrich had no comment on Paton leaving and he said he did not feel comfortable commenting on the issue of videotaping residents.

Robert Dunlap, the RA for the fifth floor north of Taylor Hall, used his personal video camera in an attempt to catch the vandal tearing down signs informing residents that females aren’t allowed in the bathroom. It’s unclear if the vandal was caught as a result.

Stone said when housing first heard of the incident, it immediately asked him to take the camera down, and Dunlap did.

Stone said whether cameras

should be allowed in residence halls depends on the situation. Some universities have cameras while others do not.

Sometimes universities allow cameras to protect against vandalism because the cameras help individuals save money, whereas without the camera, the whole floor would have had to pay a floor fine, he said.

Paton is against videotaping residents in the residence halls. He said the halls are where people live and the residents should have a “reasonable expectation of privacy” where they live, which includes a living environment free of being videotaped.

Some people argue that the hallways in residence halls are seen as public property, so it is OK to have video cameras there. Paton disagrees.

“Look at the big picture,” he said. “You have to go through the hallway to get to your room.”

Currently, Eastern has no policy saying residents cannot be videotaped in the residence halls.

Paton said he was not saying that housing should discipline Dunlap by firing him; he just wanted housing to address the issue. In the future, he would like

to see a policy in place specifying that residents will not be videotaped.

One of the problems he had with videotaping in the residence halls was that residents weren’t notified that they were being videotaped. In places such as grocery stores and other places with security cameras, Paton said signs are posted, letting the customers know they may be on tape.

“If they were to do videotaping in halls ... there should at least be signs or the camera should be in plain view,” Paton said.

He does not see the need for cameras, however. He said if violent crimes, like rapes or beatings, were occurring, people would might be more willing to give up their privacy to catch the criminal. For a common and inexpensive crime like tearing down a sign, a camera is not needed to monitor the area, he said. He too has had people on his floor tear down signs.

“It’s something you expect to happen,” Paton said. “Just put another sign up.”

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs and Joe Barron, university council, did not return phone calls made to their offices Monday.

Candidate

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He said the key to fighting apathy may be to reach out to students who aren’t already involved.

At Indiana University, a leadership workshop was held for those who weren’t already involved in extra curricular activities, he said. The response often was that those invited were pleased that someone thought enough of them to invite them.

Smith’s plan for improving retention in the residence halls is three fold. The first aspect is to integrate academics into the residence halls, creating seamless learning involvement.

The second is to assess the environment, because freshmen and upperclass students have different needs.

The final aspect is to examine the facilities because upperclass students often don’t want to live in typical residence halls.

Integrating academics into the residence halls means looking at faculty interests.

Smith said faculty are often looking for office or classroom space, and making an office or lounge in a resi-

dence hall available to a faculty member is a way to bring academics closer to residents.

Smith has been a resident assistant, custodian and a cook, and he said he understands the “undergirdings” of residence hall life. He said no small positions in that environment exist.

As for hiring people to fill those positions, Smith has experience with unions. He served on negotiation teams at Indiana University and previously at Wilberforce University in Ohio.

One issue Smith would like to look into is the possibility of creating a separate disciplinary mechanism other than RAs.

He acknowledged it’s hard for an RA to say, “Let me be your friend, but drop that beer.”

Along those same lines, Smith said the university needs to get involved when incidents of vandalism occur, particularly in large incidents.

He said the university has to hold everyone accountable, and the students who aren’t vandalizing can’t accept others vandalizing. The situation also frustrates maintenance crews as well because they don’t want to have to make repeated repairs.



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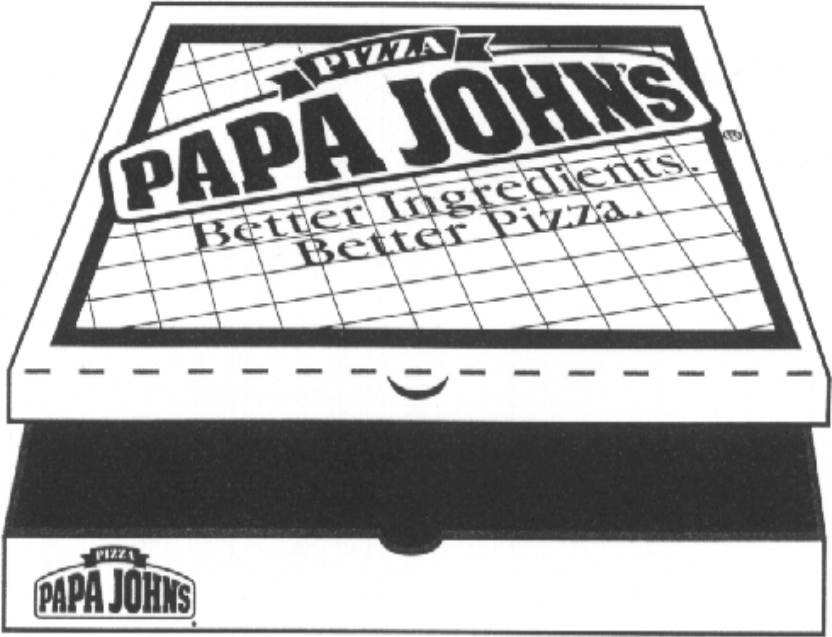
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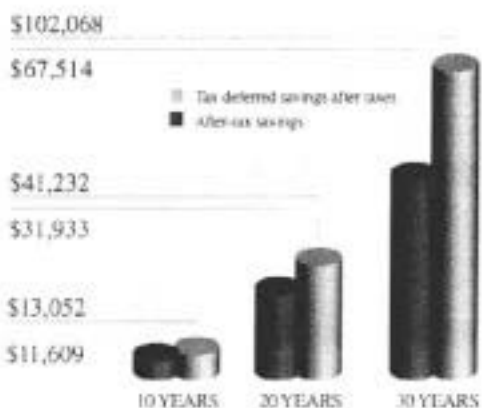
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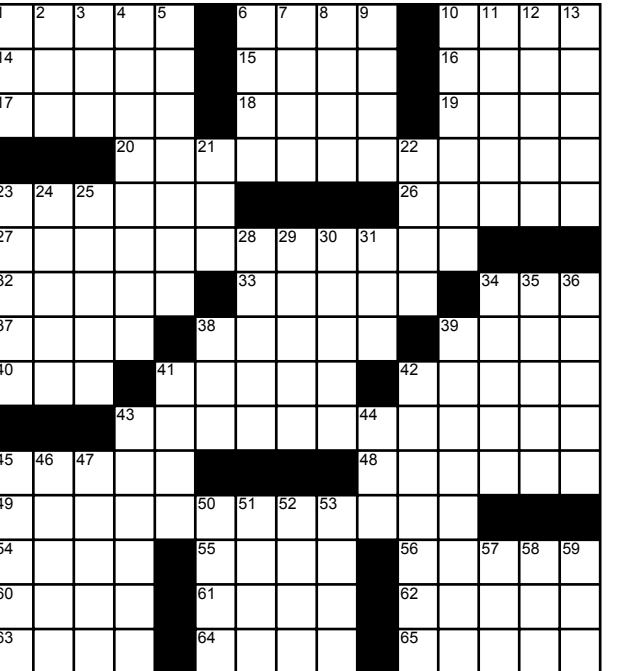
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Fire

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Another one of the catalysts on the UIC offense has been Junior Weber Bowen who has hit five homeruns while hitting .347. Sophomore Jared Marshall will be the Panthers' man on the mound against the Flames' explosive offense. Although Marshall threw in Sunday's win over Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee Tech, he will be looked to for an extended outing on the mound this afternoon. "Jared threw on Sunday, but he

will go as long as he can," Schmitz said. "He has really been unfortunate with the Illinois game being pushed back and not getting as many opportunities as we would have liked, but he is our No. 4 starter, and he knows that." Not only have the Flames hit the baseball well lately, but they have also been able to get batters out with regularity. Although they have a team ERA of 5.56 and opponents are hitting .290 against them, the Flames do have pitchers who turned in some good individual performances. Righthander Steve Carlson has led the Flames this season on the mound by gong 8-5 with a 4.03

“They are a team that is very balanced. They can hit the ball well and they have also pitched very well this season.” Jim Schmitz, Eastern baseball coach

ERA, and has struck out 72 batters in just over 73 innings while walking only 30. "They are a team that is very balanced," Schmitz said. "They can hit the ball well, and they have also pitched very well this season." One of the Eastern hitters that the University of Illinois-Chicago

pitching staff probably won't have to face is senior outfielder Keith Laski, who sprained his ankle over the weekend against Tennessee Tech. "Keith injured his ankle and we don't want to test it until probably the weekend," Schmitz said. "But whenever Keith is ready to go, he will be in the line-up."

Hunt

from Page 12

The men's and women's teams won't lose any seniors to graduation following this season, so the return of two full teams will be a benefit for Eastern next season. "We will have the exact team next year, and the year after that we will only lose our No. 5 and No. 6 players," Weber said of the men's team. "Hopefully we'll turn into a powerhouse in the future. "It depends on the future coach," he said. "A lot of people have different coaching strategies and there's going to be an adjustment, but I don't know if it will be an easy one or a difficult one."

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# Tennis teams finish fifth at OVC tourney

## Both men’s and women’s squads exceed expectations, postseason seeds

By Kristin Rojek  
Associate sports editor

The men’s and women’s tennis teams returned from the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament with fifth place finishes Sunday.

While the men’s team entered the tournament as a No. 6 seed and the women with a No. 7 seeding, the Panthers proved themselves in the league this weekend.

“The coaches seeded us lower and the teams thought we were weaker than we were,” freshman C.J. Weber said. “This was a good statement for us that we have a good team with players who are a threat in the conference.”

The men’s team opened up the tournament with a 4-3 loss to Morehead State Friday.

“We lost the match 4-3, so we could have been No. 4 easily, but five is not bad,” Blazej Tondel said.

On Saturday, Eastern moved into the consolation bracket to face off against

Eastern Kentucky. The Panthers defeated the Colonels handily, 4-0 to continue on Sunday for the fifth place finish.

Eastern defeated No. 5 Austin Peay 4-1 for the final match in the tournament. Tondel defeated Justin Keller 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles position while No. 2 Lukasz Pluta defeated Marcus Rutche 6-2, 6-2. C.J. Weber earned All-Conference honors following his 6-2, 6-2 defeat over No. 3 singles player Vincent Burki.

“I never really thought about it before the weekend,” Weber said of the All-OVC honor. “It was a big surprise, and I did not expect it at all.

“I never considered myself to be one of the better players because there are a lot of good tennis players in the conference,” he said.

In doubles play Sunday, Tondel and Pluta won 8-5 in the No. 1 position while Weber and Brandon Blankenbaker defeated the No. 2 Governors 8-6.

In the women’s tournament, Eastern started off the tournament with a 4-0 loss to

“We were seeded seventh and we came out fifth, so I think we did pretty good. Just because we’re young doesn’t mean we can’t compete.”

Yovita Widyadharma,  
Junior tennis player

No. 2 Tennessee-Martin, but moved into the consolidation bracket Saturday to defeat No. 6 Morehead State 4-3.

“Once we got there, we calmed down and realized it was just another match,” Barb Wolfe said. “With the guys win on Saturday, it pumped us up and really helped us pull it together.”

Eastern finished off tournament play with a 4-0 win over No. 5 Eastern Kentucky. Becky Brunner defeated Susan Ferguson 6-4, 6-2 at the No. 1 singles position while No. 4 player Yovita Widyadharma defeated Kelli Williams 6-4, 6-1. Barb Wolfe earned All-Conference

honors following her 6-3, 6-4 win over No. 6 Colonel Rachel Long.

In doubles play, Brunner and Caryn Hague won at the No. 1 position 8-4 while Becky Carlson and Widyadharma won at No. 2, 8-6.

Murray State won both the men’s and women’s divisions, but both of Eastern’s teams were satisfied with exceeded expectations.

“We were seeded seventh and we came out fifth, so I think we did pretty good,” Widyadharma said.

“Just because we’re young doesn’t mean we can’t compete.”

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# Panthers square off against DePaul on the road



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

A member of Eastern's softball team prepares to swing at a pitch during a game earlier this season. Eastern travels to DePaul today to take on the Blue Demons.

By Chuck Babinski  
Staff writer

With only three conference games left to play and the softball team desperately trying to claim one of the remaining playoff spots in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Panthers will face arguably one of its toughest opponent to date today against DePaul.

The schools play each other every year, and after splitting a doubleheader last year in Charleston, it's the Panthers turn to travel to Chicago to play the Blue Demons.

The Blue Demons (36-11-1) just swept Houston to go 13-1 in Conference USA. They have been ranked as high as eighth in the USA Today/NFCA poll and recently had their nation's best 19-game winning streak snapped by No. 11 ranked Notre Dame.

DePaul competed in the 2000 College World Series and reached the Final Four in 1999.

Eastern and DePaul have each faced No. 5 ranked California and Illinois-Chicago. The Bears defeated the Panthers 14-3 and the Blue Demons 1-0. The Panthers were swept by UIC 3-1 and 6-0, while the Blue Demons split with their cross-town rivals 4-2 and 0-4.

The Blue Demons are led by the talented pitching duo of Lindsay Chouinard and Sarah Martz. While Martz (18-6, 1.05 ERA) is the veteran hurler on the squad, Chouinard (17-5, 0.94 ERA) is just as impressive. Bursting on the scene as a freshman last year, Chouinard led

the teams in wins (18), appearances, strikeouts, saves and completed 23 games out of 24 starts.

The Panthers are coming off a tough weekend with conference rival Tennessee Tech. Eastern split a doubleheader on Saturday 3-2 and 0-1 and lost a heartbreaker Sunday, 2-1 in ten innings.

Once again, the strong pitching of Kristen Becker and Trish Sanders kept Eastern in the game until the end. After the weekend, the Panthers have lowered its ERA to a season low 3.40.

Pitching will be the most important part of the game come playoff time and the double-elimination conference tournament May 4. While the Panthers' pitching has been getting stronger as the season has progressed, the hard part now will be getting into the playoff field.

The OVC only invites the top six of the eight members in the conference to the tournament. While Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee Tech and Southeast Missouri have already secured their spots with 12-4 records, the remaining three spots are up for grabs. Austin Peay (7-8), Tennessee State (7-10), Morehead State (6-11) and Eastern (6-12) all still have legitimate chances to get in or get knocked out of the tournament.

The Panthers will host Austin Peay in a three-game series this weekend. That series and the momentum the Panthers are able to carry over from the DePaul games will likely decide Eastern's post-season fate.

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# Hunt quits as tennis coach

After second season, Panthers' head man leaves to live in Texas, accompany future wife

By Kristin Rojek  
Associate sports editor

Finishing higher than their predicted seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tennis Tournament wasn't the only surprise Eastern's teams encountered this weekend. Head tennis coach Michael Hunt announced to his team Sunday following the tournament that he would not return as their coach next season.

"It's a shock. I was very surprised," Blazej Tondel said. "He didn't tell us anything."

Hunt did not return repeated phone calls to his office Monday.

"We were all surprised about coach leaving, because we were all ready to do better next year," junior tennis player Barb Wolfe said. "It's definitely going to be an adjustment. I've already been through two coaches

since I've been here."

Wolfe is not the only Panther who will now have to adjust to a third coach in four years. Hunt came to Eastern last season, replacing former head coach Marla Reid in the fall of 1999. Hunt announced his decision following the awards ceremony at the OVC tournament. Players said Hunt told them he will be moving to Texas permanently following his wedding this summer where he will accompany his wife who will be studying there.

"I don't think anyone expected it because he just came here last year," freshman C.J. Weber said. "When he recruited me, he had all



Michael Hunt

these goals to recruit good players over the next few years and in the future be ranked nationally.

"He definitely had a great start for the guys team," Weber said. "He had four recruits and this season four of his top five players were new. He had a great recruiting season."

After the fifth-place finish by both teams in the OVC Tournament Sunday, the future remains uncertain for the Panthers.

"It's going to be tough for us," junior Yovita Widyadharma said.

"We have to adjust again and it's going to take effort to put in."

Adjusting to a new coach takes time for the team, but three adjustments in four years of collegiate play will certainly take some effort.

"We've really been up and down this year with injuries and illnesses, so it's been tough,"

"It's a shock. I was very surprised. He didn't tell us anything."

Blazej Tondel,  
Freshman tennis player

Wolfe said. "We're back as a full team, so hopefully we'll pull it around. We've been with each other for awhile and we'll help each other out."

The men's and women's teams won't lose any seniors to graduation following this season, so the return of two full teams will be a

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## Well, this is it – my desperation heave

Standing on your head forces blood to rush to your brain. In my case, a "standing head" is something given to someone without a brain, or at least definitive evidence of one.

My standing head has been "4th and 20." I chose it because it signifies a last chance. In football 4th and 20 means you're forced to give up or give the ball one last heave amongst ludicrous odds for success.

This is my desperation heave, my last chance, my final sports column. I know it's difficult dear readers.

Try to hold back the tears. Next year, I'll be permanently moving over to the boring side of the paper.

The news section probably won't appreciate being called boring, but I doubt if they'll even read this. The sports and news sections both vehemently deny each other's existence.

There are some people I'd like to thank. First of all, I have great appreciation for anyone who skimmed through my rantings this semester.

Usually I have to keep my diatribes to myself, or shout them at the TV.

I would also like to thank my sports editor Bill Ruthhart. My hate mail has been greatly reduced ever since Bill managed to make enemies out of the softball team and the city of Decatur.

The XFL deserves my deepest thanks as well. If the newspaper paid me, I would send Vince McMahon a personal thank-you card, along with a lovely bouquet. His pitiful football league gave me more ammunition than a Colombian cartel.

I would also like to thank the person who sent me a lovely e-mail in February, suggesting that I should be fired. I encourage everyone to share their honest opinions. However, it's unfortunate that the fan who e-mailed me was too cowardly to include his

4th and 20



Patrick Guinane

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name, as I do above my opinions each week.

As one journalism professor dubiously reminds his class each week, "the news does not stop for the weekend." So, I implore you dear readers to remember that sports do not stop for the summer.

I encourage all of you to scream and yell at your television when your favorite \$20 million a year player strikes out for the fourth consecutive time.

Feel free to rant and rave when an NBA player clanks two free throw during the finals this June.

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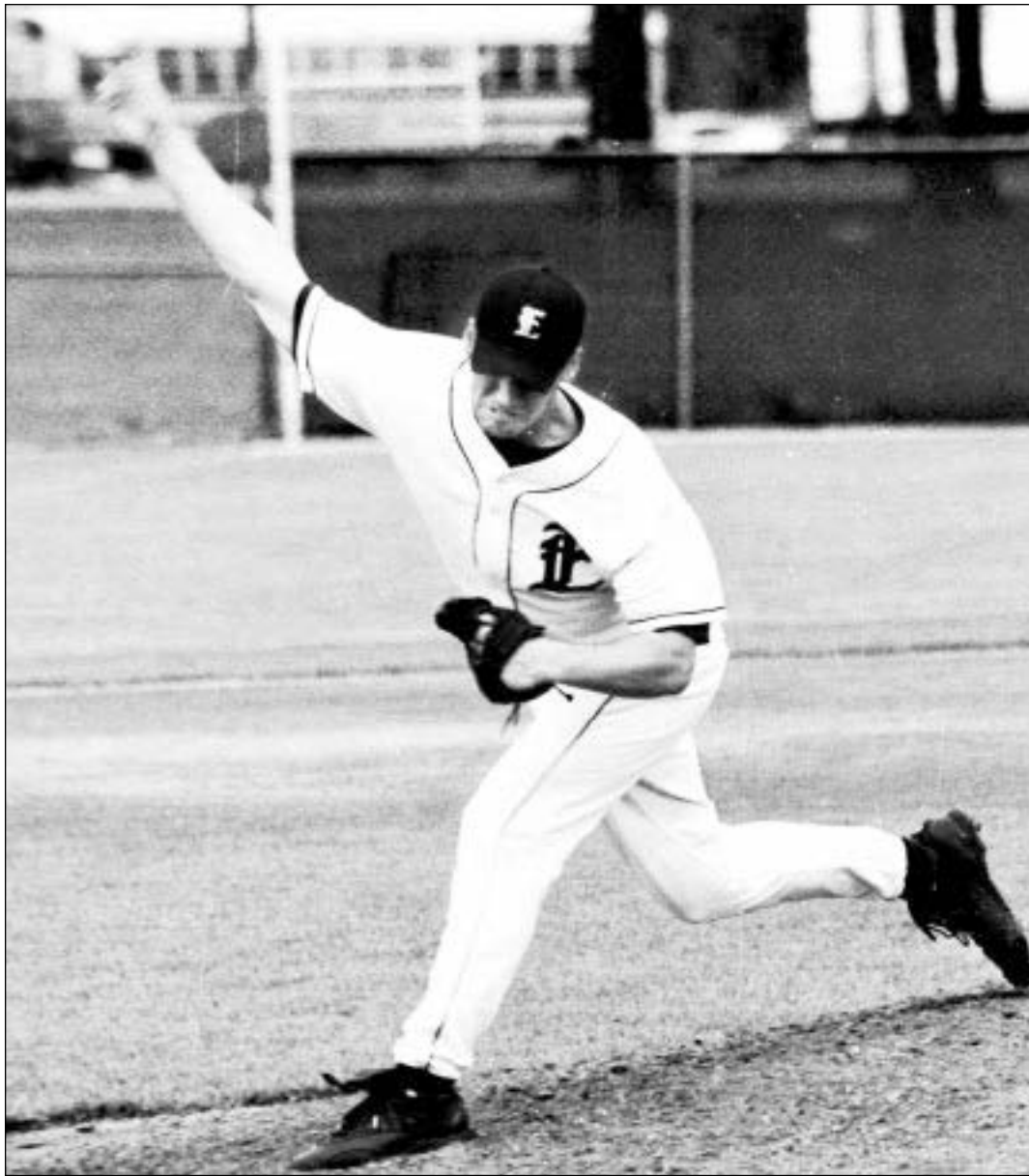
Those of you sweating out the summer in Charleston, I sympathize. Brace yourselves for the excitement. At the very least, you can chuckle at the notion that the Bears are considering sharing your predicament in the summer of 2002.

It's probably a good thing that I'm getting out of the column racket before the Bears come to town. I highly doubt Cade McNown would want to take me out for a beer after practice.

No, next year you probably won't see my squinty-eyed countenance in the sports section. However, I ask you to take a walk over to Monier Field and see a baseball game. I'll be there.

That leaves 559 shiny new seat-back chairs to fill.

## Putting the fire out



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

Junior hurler Pete Martin delivers a pitch in Eastern's win over Tennessee Tech Saturday afternoon at Monier Field.

## Panthers host red-hot Flames today at Monier Field

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Eastern will face a hot University of Illinois-Chicago team at 3 p.m. today at Monier Field.

The Flames, who are 21-22 overall and are in first place in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference with an 8-4 record, come into Charleston winners of 18 of their last 24 games.

"One of the things about them is that they are playing very well right now," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "They have won 18 of their last 24 ball games, so they come in here on a little bit

of a hot streak."

One of the reasons that University of Illinois-Chicago has been able to get on such a roll lately has been their ability to put the bat on the ball.

The Flames are hitting .303 as a team and have seven players that are hitting .300 or better on the season.

One of those players that the Flames have depended on all season long has been senior Rob Rosinski, who is hitting .414 with four homeruns with 37 RBI.

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